
Oak Grove Plantation Bed and Breakfast

South Boston (Cluster Springs), Virginia

Virginia Green Lodging is the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) initiative to promote pollution prevention (P2) practices in the tourism and hospitality industry. *Green Lodging* encourages hotels, resorts, and other hospitality operations to be aware of their impact on the environment and to take steps to reduce these impacts. *Green Lodging* is a non-regulatory program, and participation is completely voluntary and free of charge.

Oak Grove Plantation

Oak Grove Plantation Bed and Breakfast is an antebellum home built in the 1820s offering three guest rooms. Oak Grove Plantation is located in Halifax County in Southside Virginia and welcomes pets. Oak Grove Plantation is committed to environmental excellence and works to minimize environmental impacts whenever possible.



Green Lodging Activities. When visiting Oak Grove Plantation, you can expect the following practices:

CORE ACTIVITIES for Green Lodging

- ☒ **Optional Linen Service.** Sheets and towels are not automatically changed every day during your stay.
 - Train house cleaners on process of optional linen service
 - Purchase water efficient washers and dryers
 - Minimize the use of bleach and chlorinated chemicals
- ☒ **Recycling and Waste Reduction.** Green Lodging Facilities must provide recycling. Recycling should be highly visible and made available to guests with clear signage. A general commitment to reducing total amount of waste should be made.
 - Recycle: Glass, Aluminum Cans, Steel Cans, Plastic, Office Paper, Toner Cartridges, Newspaper, Cardboard
 - Compost excess food waste
 - Fill bulk soap dispensers
 - Instruct housekeeping to save and reuse unopened items
 - Eliminate use of Styrofoam
 - Use dishware and glassware to minimize use of disposables
 - Implement effective food inventory system to minimize waste
 - Purchase locally grown produce and other foods
 - Use two-sided copying and printing
 - Use electronic correspondence and forms
 - Use latex paint
 - Preventative maintenance on all appliances, HVAC systems, plumbing, and vehicles
 - Minimize use of pesticides and herbicides
- ☒ **Water Conservation.** The facility must have a plan for conserving water that should consider plumbing modifications and landscaping.
 - Preventative maintenance of drips and leaks

- Micro-fiber mop technology
- Minimization of impervious areas

☒ **Energy Conservation.** The facility must have a plan in place that encourages replacement of lighting and equipment to energy-efficient alternatives.

- Use high efficiency compact fluorescent light bulbs in rooms and spotlights
- Have High Efficiency Heating & Air Conditioning and use ceiling fans
- Use natural lighting whenever possible
- Purchase EnergyStar computers and appliances

☒ **Green Events Package.** The facility must offer a “green” or “environmentally-friendly” package for conferences, meetings and other events. Even if the facility only offers occasional, small events, at least recycling will be provided.

For more information on **Oak Grove Plantation**, see www.oakgroveplantation.com or contact Pickett Craddock at info@oakgroveplantation.com.

For more information on *Virginia Green Lodging* program, see www.deq.virginia.gov/p2/lodging.



Virginia Green Lodging program is a supporting partner of *Virginia Green*, the Commonwealth’s campaign to encourage environmentally-friendly practices is all aspects of Virginia’s tourism industry. Virginia Green is supported through a partnership between the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality, the Virginia Hospitality & Travel Association, and the Virginia Tourism Corporation.

